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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2)) to cover the extension fee, charge any deficiencies in payment and credit any overpayment to Attorney's deposit account no. 23-1951.

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